

REMARKS

Claims 1 and 2 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Shigyo, U.S. Patent No. 4,995,445. Claims 3-6 were allowed.

Claims 1 and 2 were cancelled, without prejudice or disclaimer, to place the application in condition for allowance. Applicants reserve the right to file a continuing application including claims 1 and 2.

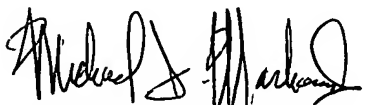
CLOSING

An earnest effort has been made to be fully responsive to the Examiner's objections. In view of the above amendments and remarks, it is believed that independent claim 3 is in condition for allowance, as well as those claims dependent therefrom. Passage of this case to allowance is earnestly solicited.

However, if for any reason the Examiner should consider this application not to be in condition for allowance, he is respectfully requested to telephone the undersigned attorney at the number listed below prior to issuing a further Action.

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